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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Plans/DD(P)

SUBJECT: OSO Requirements for TSS Research and Development Program

REFERENCE: COP/DD(P) TS Memorandum to ADSO and ADPC dated 23 April 1952, subject: TSS Program for Fiscal Year 1953

1. As directed by the reference memorandum, a statement of OSO requirements for technical equipment, methods and services is attached as Tab A to guide TSS in emphasizing those aspects of its research and development program during the coming fiscal year which relate to OSO's most pressing operational problems.

2. These requirements have been assigned to categories of priority in operational need based upon the assumption that operations will continue to be conducted under cold-war conditions. Any extension of hostilities would make substantial modification necessary.

3. Although OSO can offer little in the way of technical guidance on research and developmental work in the fields specified in the attachment, OSO operations officers should be able to give substantial assistance by consultation with TSS specialists during development of individual devices or items of equipment to insure that designs and operating techniques correspond to field operating conditions and capabilities.

4. The attached statement of general requirements is based on review and analysis of present and proposed OSO operational problems projected against current operating conditions and requests TSS to develop techniques and equipment which will help to overcome the factors which most seriously limit the scope and effectiveness of operations. It should not be considered a statement of specific requirements for individual items designed to meet particular operational situations, since requirements of this type can be formulated only through collaboration of technical specialists and intelligence officers familiar with the operational factors affecting the particular problems being considered. OSO, therefore,

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will have to call upon TSS on a continuing basis for development of technical operational aids and services to meet specific operational needs as they become apparent and to participate with TSS in designing equipment and techniques responsive to them. It will be of real benefit if TSS will refer to OSO for consideration any data on major developments or possibilities in order to determine the feasibility of further research along specific lines.

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